# LIST OF THE

# Soldiers of the Revolution

From WORCESTER MASSACHUSETTS

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# A LIST OF THE SOLDIERS

IN THE

# WAR OF THE REVOLUTION

FROM

WORCESTER, MASS.

WITH A RECORD OF THEIR DEATH AND PLACE OF BURIAL.

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PUBLISHED BY COL. TIMOTHY BIGELOW CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

#### PREFACE.

With the organizing of the Colonel Timothy Bigelow Chapter, D. A. R., the work of locating the graves of Worcester's revolutionary soldiers was begun. The list itself was first compiled from the State Archives and a few other authentic sources. No records other than the original ones were used except in one instance, viz.—the roll of fifty-four men enlisted from Worcester under Capt. William Gates, Col. Jonathan Holman's regiment, who marched July 17, 1776, for service in New York. Capt. Gates' record for this time can be found in the State Archives, but no roll of his men is to be found there. In 1876 Mr. Albert A. Lovell included in his history of Worcester in the War of the Revolution, a copy of this roll, the original of which he found in the possession of the American Antiquarian Society. This roll cannot now be found, and but for the copy made by Mr. Lovell the names of seventeen of these Worcester men whose only enlistment this was, would be unrecorded.

After completing the list of men credited to Worcester, came the more arduous task of identifying these men, tracing many of them to other States, obtaining records of death, and locating graves. To accomplish this the sources of information have included town, church, family and county court records, registries, private papers and local newspapers.

While realizing that the most exact accuracy must be observed to make such a record of value, the compiler feels that even with the greatest care errors are unavoidable where so many sources of information have been called upon.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the kindly and valuable aid so cordially given by the many different persons upon whom she has called for information. It is hoped the publishing of these lists will bring to her knowledge dates of death and places of burial of those she has been unable to ascertain. With this in view certain information has been included in the lists which might lead to the identification of those whose death dates could not be found.

In 1901 the City of Worcester appropriated a sum of money with which bronze markers were purchased and placed at each grave located in Worcester and the "South Parish" (until 1778 a part of Worcester), now Auburn. A bronze tablet was also placed on the "Common" in memory of seven soldiers buried there.

MARY COCHRAN DODGE.

WORCESTER, June, 1902.

#### Α.

This list includes the "minute and militia men" who marched April 19, 1775, on the alarm at Lexington, and enlisted men belonging to or credited to Worcester. The names with an asterisk were from the "South Parish," now Auburn.

ALLEN, SALMON.

Annum, Cuff.

AVES, John.

BACON, WILLIAM.

BAIRD, DANIEL.

BALL, JOSEPH.

BALL, SAMUEL.

BANCROFT, JONAS.\*

Bancroft, Jonas, 2nd\*

Bancroft, Jonathan.\*

Bancroft, Reuben (or Rayham).\*

BANCROFT, WILLIAM.\*

BARNARD, RICHARD. (black)
BARRETT, ISRAEL.

BARTON, TIMOTHY.

Benglaris, Pomp.

BENNET, BENJAMIN.

BENNET, JOSEPH.\*

BENNET, SAMUEL.

BETTERLY, THOMAS.
BETTERLY, WILLIAM.

BIGELOW, GERSHOM, JR.

BIGELOW, TIMOTHY.

Воотн, Ковект.

BOYDEN, DARIUS.\*
BOYDEN, JOSEPH.\*

BOYDEN, PETER.

Bradley, John.

Brooks, Nathaniel.

Brown, Samuel.

Brown, William. Buckler, James.

BUXTON, WILLIAM.

"Reported died, April 19, 1779."

Died, Worcester, Dec. 9, 1819, aged 77.

Rural Cemetery, Lot 563.

Living in Concord, Vt., 1825.

Died, Auburn, Jan. 2, 1821, aged 76. Center Cemetery.

Living in Gardner, 1803.

Living in Gardner, 1005.

Died, Dana, Aug. 18, 1834.

Living in Winchendon, 1784.

"Reported killed July 22, 1777."

Living in Newfane, Vt., 1784.

Died, Royalston, 1807-8.

Died, Worcester, April 4, 1790, aged 50. Old Common.

Died, Auburn, Mar. 18, 1783, aged 39.

Died, Auburn, July 28, 1777, aged 32. Center Cemetery.

Living in Newfane, Vt., 1801.

Died, Worcester, Feb. 3, 1838, aged 97. Rural Cemetery.

Died, Worcester, May 25, 1785, aged 41. Old Common, No. 107. Carter, Benjamin.\* Carter, Timothy.

Case, James. Chadwick, Daniel.

CHADWICK, DAVID.
CHADWICK, ISAAC.
CHAMBERLAIN, WILSON.
CHAPIN, BENJAMIN.
CHAPIN, ELI.

CHASE, AMERIAH.
CHRISTIAN, JOHN (also of Sutton).

Sutton).
CLARK, DAVID.
CLARK, ELISHA.
CLARK, JONAS.
CLARK, JOSEPH.

CLARK, SAMUEL.

CLEWS, THOMAS.
COLE, JOHN.
COMENS, DANIEL.\*
CONNOR, EDWARD.
COOK, ROBERT.
COOK, SAMUEL.

CRAFTS, EDWARD.

COWDEN, WILLIAM.

CRAWFORD, ROBERT.
CROSBY, ELISHA.
CROSBY, SIMON (also
Boston).
CROWLE, ANDREW.\*

CROWLE, JOHN.
CUFF, WILLIAM.
CUMMINGS, ELIJAH.
CUMMINGS, JOHN.

CUNNINGHAM, JOSEPH. CURTIS, JOSEPH.

CURTIS, OLIVER. CURTIS, WILLIAM. CUTLER, JONATHAN.

Cutler, Nathan\* (also of Sutton).

Living in Newfane, Vt., 1785. Died, Auburn, Aug., 1784.

Died, Worcester, May 23, 1836, aged 84.
Hope Cemetery, Tier G.
Died, —, 1794, aged 57.
Died, Worcester, Aug. 21, 1836, aged 78.

"Died in service Aug. 25, 1776."
Died, Worcester, Mar. 7, 1830, aged 76.
Hope Cemetery, Tier D.
Living in New Salem, 1792.

Died, Auburn, Dec. 26, 1807, aged 88. Center Cemetery.

Died, Auburn, Oct. 21, 1812, aged 76: Center Cemetery.

Died, —, 1796.

Died, Petersham, Aug. 25, 1838.

"Died, Albany Grand Hospital, Oct. 21, 1777."

Died, Middlesex, N. Y., April 11, 1806, aged 60.

Died, Royalston, Sept. 10, 1785.

Died. Pelham, Mar. 10, 1815.

CUTTING, BENJAMIN. CUTTING, FRANCIS. CUTTING, ISAAC. CUTTING, ZEBULON. DANA, WILLIAM. DAWES, CATO.

DIBBILL, CATO. (black) Donehue, Philip.

DRAPER, RICHARD.

DRURY, JOHN.

DRURY, THOMAS, JR. DUNCAN, SAMUEL.

Duncan, Simeon.\* Duncan, Simeon, Jr.

DUNHAM, ELISHA. DUTTON, ASA. DWELLE, JOSEPH.

EATON, SAMUEL. EATON, THOMAS.

EATON, URIAH (also of Holden and Sudbury).

Eddy, Levi.\*

Edmunds, John. ELDER, JOHN.

EPHRAIM, EBENEZER.

ESTABROOK, BENJAMIN.

FAIRFIELD, SAMUEL.

FEETHER, JOHN. (or Fiafter)

FISK, EBENEZER. FISK, JAMES.

FITTS, ROBERT.\*

FLAGG, ABEL.

FLAGG, BENJAMIN.

FLAGG, BENJAMIN, JR.

Flagg, Josiah. FLAGG, NATHANIEL. FLAGG, PHINEAS.

FORBUSH, JAMES.

Died, Belpre, O., —, 1809.

Died, Auburn, July 6, 1836, aged 91.

Died, Dummerston, Vt., July 28, 1820,

aged 72.

Died, Auburn, June 19, 1781, aged 56.

Died, Worcester, Feb. 22, 1836, aged 80. Hope Cemetery, Tier F.

Died, Oakham, April 27, 1839.

Died, Worcester, Aug. 25, 1783.

Died, Auburn, May 6, 1821, aged 76. Center Cemetery.

Died, Worcester, Feb. 13, 1819.

"Reported died Jan. 4,—." (probably 1778)

FILMORE, GEORGE. - Died Shrushury Sept- 29- 1822 - aged 90

Died, Auburn, Dec. 29, 1831, aged 74. West Cemetery.

Died, Worcester, Sept. 18, 1775, aged 22. Old Common, No. 109.

Died, Worcester, Oct. 8, 1818, aged 95. Hope Cemetery, Lot 962.

Died, Worcester, Mar. 9, 1819, aged 73. Hope Cemetery, Tier B.

Died, July, 1810.

Died, Worcester, Oct. 1, 1791, aged 39. Old Common, No. 63.

FOSTER, ELISHA.
FULLER, ELISHA.
GALE, DANIEL.
GALE, HENRY.\*
GALE, NOAH.
GAMBLE, JOSEPH.
GATES, ASA.
GATES, JAMES.
GATES, JOSIAH.
GATES, PAUL.
GATES, SAMUEL.

GATES, SILAS. GATES, SIMON,

GATES, STEPHEN. GATES, THOMAS. GATES, WILLIAM.

GATES, WILLIAM. GLASCO, SIMON. GLEASON, DAVID.

GLEASON, ISAAC. GLEASON, JOHN. GLEASON, JONATHAN.

GLEASON, JOSEPH. GLEASON, PHINEHAS.

GLEASON, REUBEN. GLEASON, THOMAS. GLEASON, VERNON. Goodwin, John. GRAY, JOHN. GRAY, JOSEPH. GRIGGS, GIDEON. GRIGGS, SAMUEL. GRIGGS, WILLIAM. GURNEY, JACOB. HAIR, EDWARD. HAIR, JOHN. HALL, JOHN. HAMILTON, Moses. HAMILTON, SAMUEL. HAMILTON, WILLIAM. HARDY, PETER.\*

Died, Monson, Nov. 21, 1835, aged 78.

Died, Franklin, Vt., June 25, 1826, aged 71. Died, Worcester, Dec. 19, 1831, aged 77. Rural Cemetery, Lot 315.

Died, Worcester, Feb. 2, 1849, aged 93. Hope Cemetery.

Died, Rome, N. Y. Died Worcester, July 7, 1811, aged 76. Hope Cemetery, Tier C.

Died, Auburn, April 29, 1833, aged 86.
Center Cemetery.
Died, Worcester, Aug. 14, 1832, aged 79. Jaiv. 7, 1
Died, Worcester, Aug. 20, 1839, aged 75.
Died, Worcester, June 4, 1827, aged 82.
Hope Cemetery, Lot 739.

Died, Worcester, Dec. 26, 1809, aged 56. Hope Cemetery, Tier A.

Died Floth-May 17-1824

Died, Worcester, Oct. —, 1807. Died, Worcester, Feb. 24, 1831.

HARRINGTON, ASA HARRINGTON, JOSHUA, JR. HARRINGTON, JOSIAII, JR. HARRINGTON, NATHANIEL.

HARRINGTON, NOAH.

HARRINGTON, SAMUEL.

HARRINGTON, SILAS.

Harrington, William.
Harris, Daniel.
Harris, Thomas. (black)
Harris, William.
Hastings, Ebenezer.
Haven, Daniel.
Hawes, Eleazer.
Hawes, Elijaii.
Healy, Jedediah.

HEMMENWAY, ADAM. HEMMENWAY, JEFFREY.

HEMMENWAY, SAMUEL. HENRY, SILAS. HEYWOOD, DANIEL.

HEYWOOD, NATHANIEL.

HIGGINS, ARCHIBALD.

HINDS, JOHN.
HOLBROOK, ABEL.
HOLBROOK, ELEAZER.
HOLMAN, SAMUEL.\*

Holmes, Gershom.
Holmes, Jacob, Jr.
Houghton, Levi (also Stow).
Howe, Ezekiel, Jr.
Howe, Joel.
Hubbard, Jonas.

HUBBARD, REUBEN.

HUBBARD, LEVI.

Died, Pelham, Oct. ———, 1817, aged 66.

Died, Worcester, Feb. 28, 1831, aged 89. Hope Cemetery, Tier G.

Died, Worcester, July 18, 1832, aged 73. Providence St., Millbury.

Died, Worcester, Mar. 27, 1838, aged 84. Hope Cemetery, Tier B.

Died, Worcester, June 15, 1831, aged 79. Rural Cemetery, Lot 764.

Died, Worcester, Oct. 22, 1807. "Reported died May 27, 1775."

Died, Worcester, Feb. 7, 1821, aged 63. Hope Cemetery, Tier D.

Died, Worcester, Aug. 15, 1819, aged 82. Hope Cemetery, Lot 1245.

Died, Princeton, Aug. 5, 1832. Died, Worcester, Dec. 15, 1809, aged 55. Hope Cemetery, Tier A.

Died, Shrewsbury, Nov. 18, 1834, aged 86. Center Cemetery.

"Reported right arm shot off Oct. 6, 1775, and as having died Oct. ——, 1775.

Died, Worcester, ——.

Died, Auburn, Dec. 29, 1793, aged 48. Center Cemetery.

Died, Worcester, Jan. 18, 1803, aged 67. of

Living in Gardner, 1824.

"Mortally wounded, Quebec, Dec. 31,1775."
Died, Paris, Me., Feb. 18, 1836, aged 73.
Tomb at homestead.

Died, Norway, Me., before 1802.

HUNTER, JOHN.

JENNISON, DANIEL.\*

Died, Auburn, Feb. 4, 1839, aged 81, Center Cemetery.

JENNISON, PETER.\*

JENNISON, ROBERT.

Johns, 1saac. (Indian)

Johnson, Amos.

JOHNSON, BENJAMIN.

Johnson, Daniel.

Johnson, John.

Johnson, Nathan.

JOHNSON, SAMUEL.

Johnson, Uriaii.

JONES, ASA.

JONES, ISAAC.

Jones, Noah.

Jones, Phinehas.

Died, Worcester, Jan. 15, 1807, aged 44.

Died, Worcester, Mar. 22, 1814, aged 66. Hope Cemetery, Tier A.

Jones, Samuel.

Jones, Thomas.

Jones, William.

JORDAN, EDMUND.

Jupiter. (black)

Kannady, John. (or Kennedy)

KELSO, HUGH.

KENNEDY, JAMES.

KENNEDY, WILLIAM (also of

Sutton).

KINGMAN, ISAAC.

Kingsbury, James.

KNAPP, CYRENUS.

KNIGHT, ARTEMAS. KNIGHT, EDWARD.

Died, Worcester, Sept. 15, 1819, aged 69.

Hope Cemetery, Tier H. Died, Worcester, Feb. 7, 1812.

Died, Shrewsbury, —, 1817.

Knight, Isaac.

Knight, Thomas.

Knight, William.

KNOWER, JOHN.

LANE, JOHN.

LANMAN, JAMES.

LARNARD, SAMUEL\* (or Lear-

ned, also of Oxford).

LOVELL, EBENEZER.

Died, Worcester, Dec. 6, 1817, aged 88.

Old Common.

Lynde, Thomas. Died, Leicester, Dec. 24, 1811.

McConkey, William.

McCracken, Samuel. Living in Holden, 1785.

McFarland, James.

McFarland, William.

McGuire, John. Mahan, John.

MAHAN, SAMUEL.
MARSH, EBENEZER.
MATTEL, WILLIAM.
MILES, WILLIAM.
MILLER, EPHRAIM.
MILLER, JOSEPH.
MILLS, EPHRAIM.
MOORE, DANIEL.
MOORE, JAMES.

Moore, John. Moore, John.

Morse, Isaac. Morse, Joseph.

Morse, Thomas. Muzzy, Seth.

Nash, Jacob.

Nazro, Nathaniel.

NEWTON, SAMUEL. NICHOLS, JONAS.\*

NICHOLS, THOMAS. NILES, SILAS.

Noves, Bela.

Noves, John. Partridge, Seth.

Ратсн, Јоѕерн.

PATCH, NATHAN.

Perry, Josiah.
Peter, John. (Indian)
Phillips, Jonathan.
Phillips, Josiah.
Pierce, Amos.
Pierce, David.
Pierce, John.
Pierce, Joseph.

PIERCE, JOSEPH. PIERCE, JOSIAH. PIERCE, OLIVER.

Potter, James (also Holden).

Died, Worcester, Dec. 22, 1835, aged 77. Hope Cemetery.

Died, Worcester, Jan. 27, 1805, aged 83. Hope Cemetery, Lot 1489.

Died, Worcester, Oct. 30, 1831, aged 85. Died, Worcester, Oct. —, 1789, aged 32. Old Common, No. 11.

Died Tecksfeill N.y. Oct 17-1781, in the service".

Died, Worcester, May —, 1793, aged 54. Died, Worcester, Oct. 30, 1831, aged 85.

"Reported killed."

Died, Worcester, Mar. 17, 1828, aged 72.

Died, Worcester, April 8, 1836, aged 76. Hope Cemetery, Tier B.

Died, Worcester, June 22, 1808, aged 72. Rural Cemetery, Lot 98.

Died, Worcester, ——.

Died, Worcester, Mar. 2. 1808, aged 63.

Powers, Nicholas.
Pratt, Isaac.\*
Priest, Samuel.
Prue, Gershom.\*
Putnam, Eli.
Quigley, James.
Quigley, John.
Raymond, William.

REED, JOSEPH. RICE, JONATHAN.

RICE, JOSIAH. RICE, LEMUEL.

RICE, PHINEHAS. RICE, REUBEN. RICE, TIMOTHY. RICHARDS, DAVID.

RICHARDS, DICK. (black) RUSSELL, BENJAMIN.

SAVAGE, FRANCIS. SEVERY, THOMAS. SHIELD, WILLIAM. SLATER, PETER.

SMITH, AARON.
SMITH, AMOS.
SMITH, ELISHA.
SMITH, ITHAMAR.
SMITH, JACOB.
SMITH, JOEL.
SMITH, JOHN.
SMITH, PHINEHAS.
SMITH, ROBERT.

SMITH, SIMON.
SMITH, SOLOMON.
SMITH, TITUS.
SMITH, WILLIAM SPENCER.
SNOW, WILLIAM, JR.
SPRING, JOHN.
SPAULDING, REUBEN.
STEARNS, ASA.
STEARNS, DANIEL.
STEARNS, SAMUEL, JR.

Living in Marietta, O., 1788.

Died, Auburn, May 3, 1834, aged 70. Center Cemetery.

Died, Worcester, May 17, 1806, aged 66. Hope Cemetery, Tier B.

"Mortally wounded, Quebec, Dec. 31,1775."
Died, Worcester, Jan. 29, 1829, aged 78.
Hope Cemetery, Tier E.

Died, Boston, Jan. 4, 1845, aged 83. Granary Burial Ground, No. 100.

Died, Worcester, Oct. 13, 1831, aged 71. Hope Cemetery.

Died, Worcester, Jan. 5, 1777, aged 33.

Living in Heath, 1800: 4 4. 22. 1324. Died, Worcester, July 4, 1807, aged 80. Old Common, No. 41.

Died, Chazy, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1852, aged 93. Died, Newport, N.H., May 4, 1849, aged 93. Died, Claremont, N.H., —, 1840, aged 85.

STEARNS, WILLIAM.	Died, Worcester, Jan. 10, 1833, aged 92.
STEVENS, CYPRIAN.	
STEWART, WILLIAM.	
STONE, AARON.	
STONE, DAVID.*	
STONE, ISRAEL.*	Died, Auburn, Jan. 3, 1844, aged 91. Center Cemetery.
Stone, Jonathan.*	Died, Auburn, Dec. 21, 1806, aged 81. Center Cemetery.
Stone, Jonathan, Jr.*	Died, Auburn, Nov. 24, 1809, aged 59. Center Cemetery.
STONE, JOSEPH.*	Died, Auburn, Feb. 22, 1837, aged 79. Center Cemetery.
STONE, WILLIAM.	control control (
STONE, —VIS.	
STOWELL, DANIEL.	Died, Paris, Me., Sept. 20, 1828, aged 70. Stowell Cemetery.
STOWELL, DAVID.	Stewen Connectory
STOWELL, WILLIAM.	Died, Paris, Me., Jan. 8, 1829, aged 72.
	Stowell Cemetery.
STOWERS, RICHARD.	
STREETER, JOSEPH.*	
STURTEVANT, NOAH.	
STURTEVANT. SAMUEL.	Died, Auburn, April 15, 1787, aged 42.
SWAN, EDWARD.	
SWAN, JAMES.	
TAYLOR, JAMES.	
TAYLOR, JOHN.	
TAYLOR, THOMAS.	
THOMAS, DAVID.	Died, Providence, —, 1834, aged 72.
THORP, Joseph.	, 2002, 1804
Totman, John (or Tatman).	Died, Worcester, Oct. 3, 1833, aged 88.
(01 2 100111012)	Tatman Burial Ground.
TREADWELL, WILLIAM.	Died, Worcester, April 10, 1796, aged 46. Old Common, No. 5.
TROWBRIDGE, WILLIAM.	Died, Worcester, Sept. 30, 1833, aged 82. Hope Cemetery, Tier C.
TURNER, —SHA.	respectively, richer
WALKER, GEORGE.	
WALKER, WILLIAM.	
WARD, ASA.	Died, Worcester, June 27, 1818, aged 70.
man, man	Hope Cemetery, Tier 13.
WARD, PHINEHAS.	Died, Worcester, Nov. 20, 1808, aged 79.
mad, illindias.	Hope Cemetery, Tier B.
WARD WHITE	Trope Cemetery, Tier b.

WARD, WILLIAM. WARREN, ABIAH. WARREN, JOHN. WARREN, SAMUEL.
WATERS, WILLIAM.
WEEDEN, JOB.
WELD, EDWARD CHURCH.
WESSON, SAMUEL.
WESSON, SILAS.
WESSON, THOMAS.
WHEELOCK, JOSEPH.
WHITNEY, BENJAMIN, JR.
WHITNEY, EBENEZER.

WHITNEY, JOSHUA.

WHITNEY, SAMUEL, WHITNEY, SAMUEL, JR. WHITNEY, SILAS. WILDER, MOSES. WILDER, REUBEN. WILEY, SAMUEL, WILLIAMS, RICHARD. WILLIAMS, RICHARD. WILLINGTON, DANIEL. WILSON, ALEXANDER. WISER, JAMES.

WISWALL, DANIEL. WISWALL, EBENEZER.

WOLF, JOHN.
WORKS, JACOB.\*
WORKS, SAMUEL.
WYMAN, REUBEN.
YOUNG, WILLIAM, JR.

"Killed, Quebec, Dec. 31, 1775."

Died, Worcester, July 30, 1823, aged 86. Died, Worcester, Jan. 17, 1836, aged 76. Rural Cemetery.

Died, Worcester, May 7, 1809, aged 72.
Hope Cemetery, Lot 310.

Died, Gilsum, N. H., June 1, 1831.

Died, Stockbridge, Vt., before Nov., 1793.

Died Worcester, Sept. 17, 1823, aged 70.

Died, Auburn, April 24, 1811, aged 58, Center Cemetery.

Died, Worcester, Jan. 20, 1822, aged 67. Hope Cemetery, Lot 310.

Died, Leicester, June 13, 1808, aged 87.

#### В.

This list includes those who at time of enlistment were not inhabitants of Worcester, but later resided and died here, and whose graves have been marked.

FOWLE, CURTIS.

MERRIFIELD, TIMOTHY.

SMITH, ETHAN.

THOMAS, ISAIAH.

WARREN, WILLIAM.

Died, Worcester, Mar. 18, 1825, aged 80. Hope Cemetery, Tier B.

Died, Worcester, May 6, 1806, aged 68. Rural Cemetery, Lot 233.

Died, Worcester, Aug. 29, 1849, aged 86. Rural Cemetery, Sanford Lot.

Died, Worcester, April 4, 1831, aged 82. Rural Cemetery, Thomas Tomb.

Died, Worcester, July 29, 1831, aged 80. Rural Cemetery, Lot 745.

#### **EXERCISES**

IN COMMEMORATION OF REVOLUTIONARY HEROES HELD AT CITY HALL, MAY 30TH, 1901, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE HISTORICAL AND PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES OF WORCESTER, MASS.

Song by the school children of Worcester under the direction of Mr. Seth Richards.

"O Columbia the Gem of the Ocean"

## ADDRESS.

BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER, DANIEL KENT, ESQ.

Ladies and Gentlemen: We had hoped that these exercises might be held upon our historic Common beside the monument which marks the resting place of Col. Bigelow, a man who served with distinguished valor in the War for Independence. The weather, however, has forced us to meet here in the City Hall. I think it is very appropriate we should gather in this place, for this building stands upon the site of the Old South Church in which were held many of the meetings of those stirring times which led up to and extended through the Revolution. It was in this close vicinity that the minute-men gathered on the nineteenth of April, 1775, and it was here sermons were preached and prayers were offered up for the safety of the country.

This meeting has been arranged under the auspices of the historical and patriotic societies of the city. Some two years ago, one of our sister organizations, the Colonel Timothy Bigelow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, undertook the commendable task of obtaining as accurate a list as was possible of the soldiers who enlisted for the Revolution from Worcester, and ascertaining where those

soldiers died and where their graves were located. This has been an arduous labor and faithfully performed. Upon its approximate completion two months ago the Chapter invited the other local patriotic and historical societies to join with them in exercises commemorative of those Revolutionary heroes.

No complete list of the Revolution's soldiers from Worcester has ever been published. Their names have only been preserved on fragmentary records, some of them long since forgotton. Now these have been gathered together by the secretary of this Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and to her should be the praise that at last, over one hundred and twenty-six years after the Revolution began, we have, perhaps, as complete a list as we ever can obtain at this distant day. I wish to read the names of those whose graves have been located in Worcester, and also of those whose death records are in Worcester, but whose place of burial is unknown. The total number enlisting from Worcester was three hundred and seventy-five. Of these, sixty-one graves have been located in Worcester; twenty-one have been located in other places: eleven soldiers were killed or died in service; twenty-six death records are recorded at the City Hall, but the graves are unlocated; leaving two hundred and fifty-six whose place of death is not known.

Of the sixty-one graves located in Worcester, eight are on the Common, namely: Timothy Bigelow, Phineas Flagg, Robert Smith, Samuel Brown, Ebenezer Lovell, William Treadwell, Abel Flagg, and John Mahan.

Ten are in Rural Cemetery: Isaiah Thomas, Daniel Baird, Silas Harrington, Timothy Merrifield, Nathaniel Brooks, Nathan Patch, Samuel Gates, Ebenezer Whitney, William Warren, Ethan Smith.

Twenty-seven are in Hope Cemetery: Benjamin Flagg, Daniel Chadwick, Jedediah Healey, William Trowbridge, Eli Chapin, Jeffrey Hemmenway, Asa Ward, Daniel Heywood, Phineas Ward, Benjamin Flagg, Jr., Phineas Jones, Ebenezer Wiswall, William Gates, Edward Knight, Simon Gates, Jonathan Gleason, William McFarland, Joseph Patch, Phineas Gleason, Lemuel Rice, Joshua Whitney, Nathaniel Harrington, David

Richards, Simeon Duncan, Jr., Samuel Harrington, Peter Slater, Curtis Fowle.

In the Tatman Burying Ground at Quinsigamond one Revolutionary soldier rests,—John Tatman.

In 1778, the South Parish was, as you know, set off to the town of Ward, and in 1837 the name of the town was changed to Auburn. Of the Revolutionary soldiers buried in Auburn who enlisted in Worcester prior to the division, there are fifteen graves located: Jonathan Stone, Sanuel Clark, Jonathan Stone, Jr., James Wiser, Peter Boyden, Jonas Bancroft, David Gleason, Levi Eddy, Daniel Jennison, Jonathan Rice, Samuel Holman, Israel Stone, Joseph Clark, Robert Fitts, Joseph Stone.

This completes the list of the sixty-one graves which have been identified. As I said before, there are also twenty-six other death records in the City Hall, but it seems impossible to tell where these twenty-six patriots are buried. I think it would be well in this presence to read their names because we are always looking for some clew that will locate them either here in Worcester or wherever they may rest, and possibly by reading this list some of you may recognize the name of a lineal ascendant or collateral relative. If so, you will do a great kindness, not only to the Chapter which is preparing this list, but to the public at large, by giving us any information you may possess. These are the twenty-six: David Chadwick, Isaac Chadwick, Robert Cook, Thomas Eaton, John Elder, Nathaniel Flagg, Paul Gates, Asa Gates, Isaac Gleason, John Gleason, John Hair, Edward Hair, Jacob Holmes, Jr., Ebenezer Hastings, Samuel Johnson, Isaac Knight, John McGuire, John Moore, John Moore, Thomas Nichols, John Pierce, Joel Smith, Daniel Stearns, Benjamin Whitney, Jr., Daniel Wellington, William Stearns

I understand that it is the intention of the Colonel Timothy Bigelow Chapter to publish very soon the complete list of Worcester's Revolutionary soldiers which they have gathered together. High among the names upon that list stands that of Col. Timothy Bigelow. Of his wise counsel and inspiring enthusiasm; of his heroic service and loyal devotion to the cause of Independence, the other speakers will, I doubt not, speak in fitting terms. Other heroes, too, are there,—men who

gave their all to their country that we their children might inherit freedom.

On that list is the name of Major William Treadwell. William Treadwell was a private in Capt. Timothy Bigelow's Company of Minute-men. On the return from the Lexington Alarm he enlisted as Lieutenant in Capt. Edward Crafts' Company of Artillery, Col. Thomas Crafts' regiment. He was a brave man, a born soldier. He served through the war and lived to come home. He was one of the founders of the Worcester Artillery. Like many another hero of that war, he lost all his property. Theirs were in truth experiences which tried men's souls. He died at last in 1795, broken-hearted.

There was Major Edward Crafts: Major Crafts was a prominent man here in those times, yet, I doubt if more than a few of our citizens know there was such a Revolutionary soldier who went forth from Worcester. He was the intimate friend of John Hancock and Samuel Adams, and a brother of Col. Thomas Crafts, of Boston. He fought at Bunker Hill. He has a glorious record. He was a man of superb physique, but he returned from his long term of service with shattered health and bearing the burden of heavy financial losses caused by the depreciation of the Continental currency. He later emigrated to Murrayfield, now the town of Chester, and from there, his sons having gone further on to New York state, he went with them to Middlesex, N. Y., where he died at the early age of sixty. His children pressed still further on and settled in Ohio, and every year his descendants gather there to honor the memory of Major Edward Crafts, their Revolutionary ancestor, and his brave wife, his equal in patriotism,—Eliot Winship Crafts.

There was Col. Benjamin Flagg who marched as captain of the second company of minute-men on that memorable nineteenth of April. He afterward commanded a regiment from this county and won glory for himself as well as for the town.

It was Capt. Jonas Hubbard of Worcester who on that awful march under General Arnold, one of the most terrible marches ever made in any war, said, "I do not value life or property, if I may secure liberty for my children." Those

were the words of a *patriot*. While he lay under the ramparts at Quebec, mortally wounded, his comrades came to carry him away, and he said, "I came to fight with you; I will stay here to die with you." There spoke the *hero*.

These are a few of the names, unfamiliar to us now, but which we trust through the work of our historical and patriotic societies will become again household names. These were the men who took up the work of former generations, of the earlier settlers of the town of Worcester and carried it forward. They were equal to the task. Gloriously did they perform their duty. Bear in mind that at this time Worcester was a town of less than two thousand inhabitants, with about two hundred and fifty voters. It has grown and grown until now we have over one hundred and twenty thousand inhabitants. As the years have passed men have arisen to meet the questions which have come, and have solved them to the city's good.

Mr. Mayor, we trust and believe that the present incumbent of the highest office in the gift of the city, when his term shall close, will take an honorable position with those honorable men who have preceded him. When the subject of decorating and marking these Revolutionary soldiers' graves was first brought to your attention, you took a deep interest in it, and it is largely, perhaps, owing to your influence that the city has to-day marked with appropriate markers flfty-four Revolutionary graves, and placed a tablet to commemorate those seven upon the Common. Ladies and Gentlemen, I know you will all be glad to hear from one who has taken such deep interest in this cause, and I take great pleasure in introducing to you his Honor, Mayor Philip J. O'Connell.

## ADDRESS

BY

MAYOR PHILIP J. O'CONNEL.

Ladies and Gentlemen and Fellow Citizens:

It is very fitting that on this day set apart by the Commonwealth for the purpose of affording the people an opportunity of paying a tribute of love and honor to the men who, in the hour of the nation's peril, offered their lives in defense of country that we should assemble for the purpose of unveiling this simple memorial to the soldiers of the Revolution.

Though this recognition on our part of the valor and patriotism of the heroes of the Revolution is somewhat tardy after a lapse of a century and a quarter, it yet is no less appropriate and opportune to-day.

Next to the love which I have for my country is my love for the Commonwealth and this beautiful city of Worcester, and it has always been to me a matter of the utmost satisfaction and pride to realize that the men who lived in this city in 1775 and 1776 were as brave and loyal and patriotic as they were.

When one stops to realize that the greater portion of the able-bodied men of the town of Worcester were at one time or the other enrolled in the army of Washington, then can be appreciated the spirit of the Worcester citizens of 1775.

The soldiers of the Revolution have done more than all other agencies combined for human rights throughout the civilized world.

They asserted and demonstrated beyond question the eternal truths of the Declaration of Independence, that all men were created free and equal and had an inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This influence can be seen not only here in free America but in the democratic spirit that to-day animates very largely the people of England herself.

It can be seen in the liberalizing tendency of the people of Germany, and the example they furnish to the world was followed in the Republic of France.

To you, who, by virtue of your kinship to the soldiers of the Revolution are privileged to membership in the patriotic societies represented around me, I extend my congratulations upon the successful completion of your desires; and I congratulate the members of the City Government on their wisdom and foresight in erecting this memorial. It will long serve as an incentive to patriotic endeavor and as a reminder of the great debt which we owe to the men whose courage and valor made possible this free republic.

As the Chief Executive of this city, I can safely promise

for myself and those who are to follow me in this honorable office to guard, cherish and protect it for the years to come.

SONG,
"The Soldiers Grave."

#### Presiding Officer:

Strange as it may seem, but few of the members of our patriotic societies in Worcester are descended from Worcester's Revolutionary heroes. Those patriots, or their descendants, have passed to other places and the descendants of men who fought and enlisted from other towns and other cities have come to Worcester and have made this their home.

We have with us to-day one whose Revolutionary ancestor was at that time on the frontier of Vermont and took part in the Battle of Bennington. His father fought in our Civil War. He himself showed his love and devotion to his country when in our late war with Spain, he served as chaplain of a New Hampshire regiment.

I take great pleasure in presenting to you this afternoon the Chaplain of the 2nd Regiment, the Rev. Frank L. Phalen, of Worcester.

# ADDRESS.

BY REV. FRANK L. PHALEN,

CHAPLAIN SECOND REGIMENT, M. V. M.

Sacred is the ground upon which we meet. Hallowed and glorious is the hour. The soil we stand upon is the peaceful sepulchre of American soldiers. It is the last resting place of those who faced danger and death that freedom might not die and that democracy might not be strangled in the womb of time.

We have assembled here to mark the graves and to commemorate the deeds of the men of Worcester who fought and suffered and died in that long and bitter war which established the independence of this republic. The many years that have fled, and the mighty transformations that have occurred have not destroyed our admiration and affection for the brave soldiers who, over a century and a quarter ago, marched from this Common to defend and maintain the sacred principles of liberty and justice. Their deeds are our most precious legacy. Their graves are the shrines which awaken the noblest emotions which are native and honorable to the human heart.

We tread softly here, amid the thronging train of memories. We bow our heads before the God of Battles and of Nations, and thank him for the heroic men and the heroic deeds of the brave days of old.

This historic Common, this Memorial day,—the monument and witness of another mighty crisis and victory in the life of our Republic,—and this patriotic occasion, conspire to fill our minds with tender and grateful memories. The majestic spirit of the past speaks to our listening ears. The recollection of the great and terrible conflict through which our fathers and mothers fought their way to victory and independence, unrolls before our vision like a scroll. The over-arching sky, the firm and beautiful earth, and the very atmosphere in which we are embosomed, are eloquent with voices of heroic history.

"Wondrous and awful are thy silent halls, O, kingdom of the past."

The fair and patriotic women of Worcester who trace their ancestry to the soldiers of the Revolution, have done a noble service, the influence of which will abide through generations yet unborn, in undertaking and carrying forward the arduous yet commendable duty which brings us here on this memorable occasion.

We should be lacking in the qualities of appreciation and gratitude, if we did not pay a tribute of admiration to the patriotic women of this city, who conceived and have brought to completion this sacred and ennobling recognition of our dead but not forgotton soldiers.

Our city honors herself also, and adds another proud page to her patriotic annals, by lending her official sanction and support to the respect we here pay to the valor and achievements of her faithful soldiers.

The memorial tablet we have here unveiled will perpetuate

the names, the sacrifices and the achievements of the men who, in the times that tried men's souls, dared for a high cause to venture their fortunes and their lives. Our words and our names may be forgotten, but the luminous fact that Worcester gratefully remembered her soldiers of the Revolution and did honor to their memories will remain on the historic records, which will perpetuate the story of this eventful hour.

The veil which hides the past refuses to be lifted; yet we are permitted to recall the fact that this goodly home of ours, now a proud and prosperous city,—rightly named "The Heart of the Commonwealth,"—was founded by men of sterling quality and high character. Here beside our beautiful lake, the early settlers of the 17th century built their primitive dwellings and established their homes. But the little village of Quinsigamond, which was the pioneer of our splendid city, did not escape the terrible and treacherous attacks of the Indians, who descended upon it on the second of December, 1675, and left its six or seven dwellings in ruins. But when the power of the Indians was broken by the death of their great chief Philip, there was a speedy renewal of the plan to settle and establish a town in this locality.

In 1684 the General Court granted the request of the committee, Daniel Gookin, Daniel Henchman and Thomas Prentice, that their plantation at Quinsigamond be called "Worcester."

This is commonly supposed to have been in honor of the city of Worcester in England; "but," says Senator Hoar, whose authority I am now following, "there is a tradition that the name was given by the committee to commemorate the battle of Worcester, 'the crowning mercy' where Cromwell shattered the forces of Charles II, and as a defiance to the Stuarts."

I think we are justified in believing that it was the memory of the great victory for civil and religious liberty which God had vouchsafed to the Puritan over Charles Stuart, and not out of any loyalty to the English throne,—which was the great distinction of the English city that the three stout soldiers of the committee who founded this city "desired to perpetuate."

Accepting this interpretation of the origin of the name of

our city, and taking it for granted that the spirit which animated the founders was transmitted to their successors, we can understand why it is that Worcester has ever been at the front in every patriotic and righteous cause wherein the rights of humanity have been concerned.

In all those formative and silent years from the founding of the first plantation to the decade that preceded Lexington and Concord, the student of our annals will find that the men and women of this community were alive to the great political problems which were pressing for solution.

In his noble address on the 200th anniversary of the city Senator Hoar said:

"The people of Worcester knew well on what ground they stood. The great debate was conducted at every fireside. One spirit moved through them all. They debated the great question of resistance, as though God were hearkening; and they took counsel reverently with their ministers, and the aged, and the pious, and the brave, in their villages. The shire of Worcester, in August, 1774, set the example of a county Congress, which disclaimed the jurisdiction of the British House of Commons, asserted the exclusive right of the colonists to originate laws respecting themselves, rested their duty of allegiance on the charter of the province, and declared the violation of that charter a dissolution of their union with Britain."

The activity and patriotism of Worcester's men and women were so marked and noticeable, that General Gage, the British commander in Boston, sent his spies here; and "it was rumored in August, 1774, that he meditated sending part of his army to execute the regulating act, which forbade town meetings except by the written leave of the governor."

Think of the citizens of Worcester waiting to hear from a British governor whether or not they might be permitted to call a town meeting! We can understand the spirit in which they received these decrees of a government enthroned on an island beyond the Atlantic, when we learn that "they purchased and manufactured arms, cast musket balls, provided powder and openly threatened to fall upon any body of soldiers who should attack them."

It is no wonder that the hour came when a people so in

love with liberty and so unwisely affronted by a stupid and foolish system of oppression and extortion, should have reached the point where they were ready with musket and sword to resist the British government. Let no one think, however, that the Revolution was a sudden or spasmodic outbreak of rash and thoughtless forces and men! It was nothing of the sort. It was the spontaneous and normal development of the free spirit of an enlightened and progressive people who would not submit to the arbitrary and tyrannical exactions of political despotism. It was the logic of events, and not the conscious purpose of the people which at last braced and heartened the colonists to attempt and to carry to a successful issue the war for independence. The first resistance was not intended to strike at the sovereignty of the British crown, but to vindicate the rights of the people; and it was only by an inevitable and manifest destiny that the colonists came slowly to believe in complete independence.

The American Revolution was not the product of passion nor malice. It was the mature and deliberate protest of a people who were determined to maintain their rights whatever the cost. Our fathers did not unsheathe the sword in the stress and strain of that wild frenzy which sometimes seizes a nation and plunges it into a disastrous war. They resorted to arms with prayers on their lips, with the consciousness of fighting for a just cause thrilling their souls, and with that personal consecration to liberty which makes heroes of the humblest men.

In Lincoln's History of Worcester, there appears this stirring paragraph, which is of particular interest on this occasion:

"Before noon, on the 19th of April, 1775, an express came to town, shouting as he passed through the street at full speed, 'To arms! to arms! the war's begun!' His white horse bloody with spurring, and dripping with sweat, fell exhausted by the church. Another was instantly procured, and the tidings went on. The bell rang out the alarm, cannon were fired, and messengers sent to every part of the town to collect the soldiery. As the news spread, the implements of husbandry were thrown down in the field; and the citizens left their homes, with no

longer delay than to seize their arms. In a short time, the minute-men were paraded on the green, under Capt. Timothy Bigelow,"—the brave soldier who sleeps beneath yonder monument. "After fervent prayer by Rev. Mr. Maccarty, they took up their line of march to the scene of conflict."

Lexington and Concord aroused the colonies, and Worcester then (as later in the great Rebellion and the late war with Spain) was quick and vigorous in her efforts to put her brave sons into the field, commissioned by her prayers and sympathies to battle for the right.

What a picture it would be if we could reproduce that 19th of April, 1775, and see Worcester as it was in those heroic days, and see this Common, with Captain Timothy Bigelow and his brave companions-in-arms gathering here to begin their march towards Boston! Did I say Boston? Yes! And not only toward Boston but toward the glory and immortality which shall ever abide like a halo around the names and deeds of those who fought in that splendid struggle for liberty.

In that day Worcester was only a small town of about two thousand inhabitants, and yet before the conflict with Great Britain had ended, she had sent forth into the Continental Army almost four hundred soldiers. What a magnificent record! What a testimony to the spirit which dwelt in our noble ancestors!

On the 19th of April, 1861, yonder monument just mentioned which guards the grave and perpetuates the memory of Colonel Timothy Bigelow was dedicated. "Only two days before," says the record kindly furnished me by Mr. Nathaniel Paine, "the Worcester Light Infantry, who were expected to have joined in the exercises of the day, had started with the Sixth Regiment of Massachusetts Militia, for the defence of Washington, and at the very time the exercises of dedication were going on, they were bravely fighting their way through the streets of Baltimore."

The venerable ex-Governor Lincoln, speaking on that day, was introduced as one who had a distinct personal recollection of Colonel Timothy Bigelow, and inasmuch as there are many here who at this hour remember Governor Lincoln, a few words from his speech may serve to make us feel that, after all,

Colonel Bigelow and the soldiers of the Revolution buried on this Common are not so far removed even from the Worcester of to-day as we sometimes think.

"Colonel Bigelow," said Governor Lincoln, "was a type of a generation now passed away. Of such, in patriotism and valor, were the corps of minute-men under his command, and the Train Band of the brave Captain Benjamin Flagg, who alike, on the 19th of April, 1775, at the horseman's cry 'To arms!' hastened with no delay but for prayer and benediction, to join their brethren of Lexington and Concord in resistance to tyranny and the oppressor's sword. Such was the townsman and friend of Captain Bigelow, the intrepid and beloved Captain Jonas Hubbard" (whose brave and noble story Mr. Kent has just told you), "his inferior only in rank, his companion and comrade in the dreadful winter's march through the wilderness to the siege of Quebec; who in the midst of hardships and privations almost unequalled in the experiences of human suffering, uttered the noble declaration. I do not value life and property if I may secure liberty for my children;' and who, when mortally wounded at the foot of the ramparts. in the storming of the fortress, said to his men who sought to remove him from the field, 'I came to fight with you, I will stay here to die with you.' And he did; and beside him, under the frowning walls of Quebec, and in the midst of a fierce snow storm, died two other of Worcester's patriot soldiers."

At Saratoga, at Valley Forge, at Monmouth and at Yorktown, the soldiers of Worcester were among the bravest of the brave, and earned not only the commendation of Washington and the praise of their contemporaries but the perpetual gratitude of all who shall ever enjoy the liberties and blessings they so heroically and victoriously vindicated. Surely no higher patriotic service could have been done by the Daughters of the American Revolution than to summon the people of Worcester to stand by the graves of these modest yet brave Continental soldiers to whom we render with deeper appreciation as the years fly away, our reverence, our love and our praise.

"On Fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And memory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead."

Now, as in the years that are gone, the women of this community have been the pride and inspiration of every movement or reform looking to the uplifting and ennobling of humanity. The spirit that animated their hearts in 1775 lives in 1901. It cheered and sustained the soldiers of the Union in 1861–1865 and it burst forth again in 1898.

God be praised for the soldiers who have fought for our flag and our rights on every field, or on the sea, but praise and love to our women, living and dead, whose devotion and patriotism chasten and strengthen our hearts.

O, Worcester! thou art the guardian of a glorious past! Thou art the interpreter to children yet unborn, of the storms and trials through which, under God, our fathers and mothers advanced to peace, and power and prosperity. Once thou wert a weak and humble daughter of Massachusetts; Now, thou art grown to noble womanhood with the consciousness and responsibility of material and political superiority. May thy proud boast in future days (as it is thy joy to-day) be, like that of the mother of the Roman Gracchi, who could say that her most precious treasures were her children.

Men and women of Worcester, there are no dividing barriers of creed, or color, or race, as we stand here to-day beside these graves of our heroes. In the fervent gratitude and affection of our patriotism, all political, social and religious distinctions are ignored and forgotton. We only remember that we share the same holy memories and are heartened by the same great hopes. In the language of our martyred Lincoln, we here "dedicate ourselves anew to the majestic ideals of liberty and democracy, pledging our faith to the principles of our fathers, that a government of the people by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

"Our Father's God from out whose hand The centuries fall like grains of sand We meet to-day, united, free, And loyal to our land and thee.

"O, make thou us, through centuries long,
In peace secure, in justice strong;
Around our gift of freedom draw
The safeguards of thy righteous law;
And, cast in some diviner mold,
Let the new cycle shame the old,"

#### Presiding Officer:

It was our intention, had these exercises been held on the Common, by the Col. Timothy Bigelow monument, to have unveiled the tablet which has been placed upon the fence in memory of the seven Worcester soldiers who lie buried upon the Common and whose graves were levelled when the old cemetery was removed. After the singing of another song by the school children, we shall be pleased to have all those who desire, go and view the tablet, which is now covered with a flag.

Now let us all join with the school children in singing that grand old song, "America."



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